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METHAMPHETAMINE DEALER AND PROHIBITED POSSESSOR SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS.

TUCSON – Craig Lee Taylor, 35, of Tucson, was sentenced Thursday to 120 months imprisonment to be followed by 60 months of supervised release, by Visiting U.S. District Judge David S. Doty. Taylor pleaded guilty on November 28, 2006 to Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine, two counts of Possession with the Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine, Possession of Ammunition by a Convicted Felon, and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon.

On April 5, 2005, Taylor and a female companion were stopped by Tucson Police officers for a traffic violation. During the course of the traffic stop a canine alerted to the presence of the odor of one of several drugs it was trained to detect. A search of Taylor's vehicle revealed 266 grams of methamphetamine and numerous rounds of ammunition in a locked box. Taylor had the key to the lock box on his key ring. Taylor was previously convicted of a felony and was prohibited from possessing ammunition.

On June 29, 2005, Pima County Sheriff's Deputies and special agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives executed a search warrant at Taylor's residence. During the search, approximately 386 grams of methamphetamine and a loaded 12 gauge shotgun were discovered in his bedroom.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives working in conjunction with agents, detectives and officers of the Counter Narcotics Alliance. The Counter Narcotics Alliance is a multi-agency task force comprised of local, state, and federal law enforcement that specifically seeks to identify, investigate and prosecute drug traffickers in southern Arizona. The prosecution was handled by David P. Petermann, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson.

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